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## WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

EXERCISES UNDER AUSPICES  
OF AMERICAN LEGION  
AND W. R. C.

Program Will be Held at Band Stand  
in Court House Park.

Next Monday is Decoration Day and as usual exercises appropriate to the day will be held. The doings of the day are under the auspices of the local Post American Legion and the ladies of the W. R. C. The Grotto members who will be in Grayling Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 25, 26 and 27 for their annual outing will take part in the parade. They intend to decorate the grave of the old Indian chief, David Shoppennagon, after which Shoppennagon Grotto was named. This organization will add greatly to the day by their presence.

At 12:00 o'clock noon all patriotic organizations will meet at the G. A. R. hall and form in line. For the veterans of the Civil war and others autos will be furnished. The procession headed by the Citizens' Band, with the American Legion Post 100, the Grotto Band, the Grottoes, W. R. C., L. N. L. N. L. V. S. and children carrying flags and flowers, will march to the Cedar Street bridge, where the Women's Relief Corps will give the following program and cast flowers into the flowing stream in memory of those who are buried at sea:

Star Spangled Banner—Band.

Prayer—

Readings—

Song, America (Flag Salute.)

Readings—

Casting flowers into water by members—

Hymn—"Nearby My God to Thee"

with band accompaniment.

The Lord's Prayer.

Leaving the bridge the procession will march up Cedar Street, thence on Michigan avenue to the Court House park, where the following program will take place:

Selection—Citizens' Band.

Prayer—Rev. C. E. Doty.

Introductory remarks—Emil Giezel.

Address—Major Perkins of Grottoes.

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At the close of the program in the park the march will be resumed to the cemetery, marching up Michigan Avenue and Park St. on their way. At the cemetery the different organizations will separate and decorate the graves of their deceased members. Later they will all unite at the mound.

in Elmwood cemetery, where the ritualistic services of the American Legion will be conducted. A feature different from former years will be the firing squad of eight members of the post. Following is the program:

Selection—Band.  
Prayer—Rev. C. E. Doty.  
Reading—Legion Chaplain.  
Salute by Firing Squad.

Benediction—Rev. Doty.  
"My Country 'tis of Thee"—Band.  
Taps—E. G. Clark.

At 3:00 in the afternoon there will be a game of baseball between the local club and the Grotto team at the Polo grounds and in the evening the Civil War veterans, their wives and widows, also the veterans of other wars will be guests of the Ladies' National League at supper at the Michelson Memorial church.

At 8:00 in the morning of Memorial Day the American Legion will go to Frederic to decorate the graves of deceased comrades.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service will be held at the Michelson Memorial Church next Sunday morning at ten-thirty. Every citizen who is patriotic will be there. The American Legion is invited to a man.

The women especially and, to the lecture, the men also are invited to the convention next week Thursday and Friday. It is a fine program clear thru and many fine speakers are booked. Perhaps not for many years will anything like this come to Grayling again. Look up the program.

A great pageant will be given at the Michelson Memorial Church Friday evening, June 3d. See something you never saw before. C. E. Doty.

### ANGLERS LICENSE LAW EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1921.

The Anglers' License Law, sponsored by the different sportsmen's organizations throughout the state, has been passed by the state legislature and signed by Governor Goresbeck.

The law will be effective July 1 and makes it necessary for every resident of the state to obtain a fisherman's license before they can fish on any of the streams or lakes. The license fee will be \$1 and may be obtained from any county clerk, village or township clerk or any game warden.

Children under 18 do not require a license. People living on shores of streams or lakes will be furnished a license free of charge to fish in that stream or lake. The fee for the balance of this year shall be only 50 cents. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 or 10 days in the county jail.

## MISSIONARY CONVENTION JUNE 2-3

A LARGE DELEGATION OF WOMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

Representing Saginaw-Bay District, Grayling Citizens Ready to Welcome the Visitors.

It is a fine program that will be presented the delegates at the first annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary society that is to meet in Grayling Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3. It is expected that there will be about 30 delegates

present and will represent the Saginaw-Bay district, which reaches from Saginaw to Alpena.

It is assured that this will be one of the finest conventions this city has ever enjoyed. The delegates are selected from the best church workers in their home communities, and the people of Grayling may be proud to have them visit our community. Arrangements for their entertainment are going on and by the time the convention opens, Thursday afternoon everything will be in readiness. The official program for the convention will be as follows:

Thursday Afternoon, 3:30 O'Clock. Communion Services—in charge of Rev. C. E. Doty, assisted by visiting Pastors.

Organization of Convention—Mrs. P. J. Ludington, Recording Secretary. "We are glad to see you!"—Mrs. C. E. Doty.

Appointment of Committees—

Singing—Convention.

Auxiliary reports.

Music.

"The Relation of the Women's Home Missionary Society to the Church and the District"—Dr. John Dystant.

"Allen Home"—Miss Josephine Litchfield.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Thursday Evening, 7:30 O'Clock. Devotions—Dr. John Dystant.

Selection by the choir.

"Esther Home"—Mrs. Walter Fruit, Conference Vice-President.

Solo—Miss Myrtle Rodgers.

Address—Dr. A. A. Maywood.

Offering.

America.

Benediction.

Friday Morning 9:00 O'Clock.

Morning Watch—Mrs. G. V. Hoard.

Our department secretaries, a message from each:

Mite Boxes—Mrs. T. J. Patterson.

One paper—Mrs. O. P. Bancroft.

Christian Stewardship—Mrs. G. V. Hoard.

Deaconess Work—Mrs. F. Dyer.

Evangelism—Mrs. J. S. Steinbrenner.

Temperance—Conference Members.

Mrs. B. Hewitt.

Music.

"Bringing in the Sheaves"—Mrs. E. M. Litchfield and Mrs. I. Ruelle.

Publicity Day—Mrs. C. T. Holmes.

Conference Recording Secretary.

Election of Officers.

Nootide Prayer—Mrs. Richard Gwinn.

Friday Afternoon 1:30 O'Clock.

Memorial Hour—Mrs. W. O. Southwell.

"Our Interests in the West"—Mrs. D. D. Spellman.

Singing—Convention.

"Temperance"—Mrs. G. W. Groom.

Pledges for 1921-1922.

"Children's Hour"—Mrs. Ella Barnhart, District Secretary of Children's Work.

Singing.

Story—Miss Josephine Litchfield.

Question Box.

Benediction.

Friday Evening, 7:30 O'Clock.

Devotions—Rev. C. E. Doty.

Pageant—"The Light Bringers"

Solo—"A Little Bit of Love"—Miss Myrtle Rodgers.

"Our Most Valued Asset"—Mrs. John Dystant, District Secretary of Young People's Work.

Offering.

Adjournment.

MANY NEW BOOKS AT TOWN LIBRARY.

List Comprises the Most Read Fiction of the Day. Many Books for Juveniles.

The Township board has purchased a lot of new books for the Town library. One lot of these has already arrived and the others are expected soon. The names of those in the first installment, with the name of the author, are as follows:

Main Street—Lewis.

Age of Innocence—Wharton.

Valley of the Silent Men—Curwood.

Man of the Forest—Grey.

Mysterious Rider—Grey.

Poor Wise Man—Ringhart.

Trumpeter Swan—Bailey.

Kindred of the Dust—Kyn.

Valley of the Giants—Kyn.

Sister Sue—Porter.

Alice Adams—Tarkington.

Brimming Cup—Fisher.

Harriet and the Piper—Norris.

Portuguese—Lincoln.

Scatter Good—Bailey.

Kelland.

The Kingdom Round the Corner—Dawson.

Shield of Silence—Comstock.

Desert Valley—Gregory.

Man of the Ages—Bacheller.

Golden Answer—Bates.

Star Dust—Hurst.

Grey Room—Phillips.

Silver Sixpence—Sawyer.

Red and Black—Richmond.

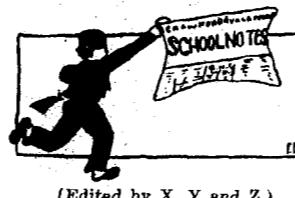
Miss Lulu Bett—Gale.

This Side of Paradise—Fitzgerald.

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OSCAR P. SCHUMANN, Editor and Proprietor

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## TO BE RECEIVED IN DUE FORM

GROTON TO OWN THE TOWN WHILE HERE.

(Edited by X, Y and Z.)

Three more Mondays!!!

Page Sherlock Holmes! Mr. Smith has mysteriously disappeared.

Reward offered to the person who will relay him until after graduation.

Hard, Harder, Hardest—"Why is history hard?"

Edgar—"Well, we've had a stone age, a bronze age, and an iron age, and now we're in a hard boiled age."

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## STATE NEWS

Ann Arbor—Blythe Ind, 6 years old, is dead from injuries received when he was struck in the stomach with a baseball bat during a game.

Grand Rapids—John Skok, 12, son of John Skok, Sr., was killed almost instantly, when he fell under the wheel of a gravel truck on which he was stealing a ride.

Owosso—The section of the Detroit to Muskegon highway between Owosso and Muskegon has been "logged" by the Shiawassee Automobile club and route cards for the road are being prepared.

Battle Creek—Officers of the Michigan State Hotel association, in session here, have perfected arrangements for the annual convention which will be held at Muskegon in September.

Bay City—W. A. Collins, attorney for former Mayor Robert V. Mundy, whose slander suit against Judge John S. McDonald, of Kent, was dismissed by Judge Lamb, said he would appeal to the supreme court.

Grand Rapids—Postal officials here are investigating the alleged theft of \$10,000 in cash and convertible securities from a mail pouch en route from Chicago to Grand Haven. Details of the robbery have not been revealed.

Sturgis—Stockholders of the Sturgis Steel Gocart Co., of which Norval Hawkins, of Detroit, is president, have voted to increase the capitalization from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000 to provide funds to build branch factories in several cities.

Standish—One thousand regular soldiers from the Thirty-seventh regiment, infantry division, will go into camp at Grayling June 15 and train there until August 27. The regiment comes from Forts Brady and Wayne. The regulars will assist in instructing the National Guard.

Holland—One of the "Big Berthas" captured by the American forces from the Germans in the World War will be presented to the city of Holland, if a bill introduced in the house by Congressman Mapes carries. Holland is anxious to procure one of these guns to place in its park.

Bay City—The city commission has appointed Col. H. W. Stickle, of Avon, Pa., as city manager. Col. Stickle served in the construction work on the Panama Canal and later saw service in the World War in France. He is now on the retired list.

White Cloud—Rollo Hoover, 30, Newaygo county farm hand, is on bail as a result of shooting his employer, Theodore Heiss, while sleep-walking, he claims. Heiss, shot through the side and arm, will recover. Hoover drove to the county jail, surrendered to the officers and told his story.

Ludington—The body of Lloyd Laidlaw has been recovered from Pere Marquette lake. Laidlaw, with Emery and Harry Christensen, was drowned when the canoe in which the three were riding capsized in a storm last November. The bodies of the Christensen brothers were found this summer.

Kalamazoo—After a search lasting for 40 years, the Kalamazoo chapter of the D. A. R. has located the grave of Ephrath Wheeler, one of eight veterans of the Revolutionary War who are known to have been buried in Kalamazoo county.

Birmingham—Eugene Brooks, 78, a banker of Birmingham, died from blood poisoning. A week ago, he fell from a ladder and cut one wrist on a broken vase. Infection resulted. The Masons will have charge of the funeral Wednesday.

Swartz Creek—Mrs. Edwin Thompson was severely burned about the face and arms when a gasoline iron which she was using exploded. The iron tore a swing door off the hinges, the telephone from the wall, blew out the windows and damaged the entire room.

Eaton Rapids—Fifty-six farmers and their families, swearing vengeance on Eaton Rapids merchants because of the adoption of fast time for the city, paraded in automobiles here and then drove to Charlotte where they say they will do their trading. Many merchants have sworn to cut off credits this summer.

Pontiac—The Village of Orion won a directed verdict of no cause for action in Circuit Court in the damage suit brought by Frank Miller, of Ann Arbor. Miller's son fell from the municipal dock at Lake Orion and drowned in three feet of water last July. The court held there was no liability on the part of the village.

Bangor—Charles Long, prominent fruit grower, is suffering from blood poison, and physicians fear it may be necessary to amputate his infected arm. He was trimming berry bushes when he slightly scratched his hand on a raspberry thorn. The wound was forgotten for a day or two until the hand and arm began swelling.

Lansing—Governor Alex J. Groesbeck has announced that the special primary and election to fill the vacancy in the Third congressional district caused by the death of Congressman W. H. Frankhauser, of Hillsdale, would be held June 7 and 28, respectively. Under the Byrum law, 20 days at least must intervene between the primary and the election.

Bad Axe—Peter Clark was arrested by Sheriff McCauley on the authority of the United States marshal of Bay City in connection with a blackhand letter said to have been written by him to Hugh Graham highway commissioner of Verona township, warning him to withdraw from the ticket last spring. Unburned matches were said to have been enclosed in the letter. Clark will be examined by the United States commissioner in Bay City.

Grand Rapids—The Fox Typewriter company has been forced into the hands of a receiver on petition of the First National bank of Chicago. Walter A. Papworth, secretary and treasurer of the company, has been named receiver by District Judge C. W. Sessions. The action is said to be due to possible foreclosure on a large mortgage and a number of threatened court suits by creditors. The Chicago bank, however, maintains the company is solvent and eventually would meet its obligations if permitted to do business without interference.

Pontiac—H. Constantino, of 78 Hudson street, is in a critical condition in the Pontiac hospital with three bullet wounds in his body and the officers are seeking Tony Narcarhoe, 514 South Saginaw street, well known Italian grocer, as his alleged assailant. Officers declare the wounded man is a tenant of Narcarhoe's and that the shooting was the outcome of an alteration between landlord and tenant over notice to vacate, inspired, it is said, by Constantino's inability to pay rent, he having been out of work for several weeks.

## SAYS U. S. STAYS OUT OF LEAGUE

AMBASSADOR HARVEY DECLARERES 7,000,000 MAJORITY DECIDED AGAINST PEACE PACT.

## AMERICA IN WAR FOR ITSELF

"We Entered the War Solely to Save the United States," He Tells Assembled Pilgrims.

London—George Harvey, United States ambassador, announced at a dinner to the Pilgrims that the American Government would have nothing whatever to do with the League of Nations.

"There still remains the impression that America will yet be beguiled into the league," Mr. Harvey said. "This is utterly absurd. The United States decided against the league by a majority of 7,000,000. The present Government will not have anything whatever to do with the league, with any commission or committee appointed thereto, or directly, indirectly, openly, or furtively responsible thereto."

Mr. Harvey also discussed the motives which, in his opinion, brought the United States into the World War. He referred to the oft-repeated declaration that America entered the war to rescue humanity, or to save England, Ireland and France.

"We entered the war solely to save the United States, and most reluctantly and laggardly at that," he said. "We were not too proud to fight, whatever that means. We were afraid not to fight. That is the real truth of the matter. We came forward and helped to shorten the war, that's all."

Col. Harvey portrayed President Harding as determined to uphold American rights, but as not jealous of others. He reiterated that the President intends to play a full part in the world's pursuit of peace without, however, becoming an international meddler. He announced that the United States will not interfere with affairs that do not concern the United States.

Mr. Harvey's address attracted especial interest, coming, as the first authorized expression of the American viewpoint, at a time when the probable attitude of the United States toward the tense political situation in Europe is arousing lively speculation.

## ANTI COUNTY BOSS BILL SIGNED

Wood Measure Providing for Election of Delegates Becomes Law.

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Franklin K. Lane Victim of Heart Trouble Following Operation.

Rochester, Minn.—Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of the interior, died at a local hospital on May 18. Death was due to an attack of angina pectoris.

Immediately after he had recovered from the influence of an anesthetic, Mr. Lane said:

"I am surprised to be alive. I hope to be able to live a long life doing good things forever."

Mr. Lane was operated on here May 6 for gall stones and appendicitis and was on the road to recovery when heart disease, from which he had suffered from time to time during the past eight months, developed.

Several bills have been vetoed by Governor Groesbeck, among them the Mac Donald bill, permitting state banks to perform duties of executors.

## MAN FOUND HANGING TO TREE

Leo Weiss, Detroit Real Estate Dealer, Despondent Over Illness.

## CHIEF SAYS LET LOVERS ALONE

Officers Instructed to Overlook Love Making in Parks.

## LARGE SUM SAVED ON COAL

State Administrative Board Contracts For Fuel at Low Figure.

## Lansing—Coal operators claim the state has saved at least \$300,000 on its next winter's coal bill by a purchase made by the administrative board acting through the governor.

Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instruction, and Charles J. DeLand, secretary of state, as a special coal committee.

The state has purchased 80,000 tons of spot coal, to be delivered within 120 days, at a price of \$2.20 for mine run and \$1.70 for slack.

Rail Wage Cuts Promised

Chicago.—The United States railroad labor board has announced that it had decided that "prevailing conditions justify to an extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the disputes already heard by the board."

The announcement which affects labor on practically every road in the country was entirely unexpected, as the board only began formal consideration of the case.

## Ex-Kaiser Still Sawing Wood.

Doorn, Holland.—The death of former Emperor Augustus Victoria has wrought no radical change in former Emperor William's daily routine. He continues his wood sawings, reading and inspection of Doorn estate.

Frequently he takes short strolls through the village during the early morning.

The former emperor receives fewer visitors than previously, however, and suffers spells of melancholy during which he fees from company. The former crown prince visited recently.

## CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE



## UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS AND OTHER BRIEF NEWS

Represents France at Vatican.

Paris—Charles Jonnart, former Allied high commissioner at Athens, and later extraordinary ambassador to the Vatican, has accepted the post of diplomatic representative of France at the Vatican.

Former Mexican Consul Dead. Winchester, Ind.—W. W. Canada, 72 years old, for 19 years United States consul to Vera Cruz, Mexico, died of heart disease at his home here. Mr. Canada was appointed consul at Vera Cruz by President McKinley in 1897 and resigned in 1916.

Bandits Break Up Jazz Party. Chicago.—Five bandits interrupted the orchestral din in the Roamer Inn, a cabaret, backed 75 apostles of jazz against the walls, took \$10,000 in money and jewelry, hit Max Brown, one of the proprietors, on the head and bound him and left in an automobile.

Returns to Prison After Operation. Ossining, N. Y.—Roman Leondowski, the Sing Sing prisoner from whose brain Dr. William L. Chapman of Brooklyn removed a bullet several weeks ago, was taken to the Dannemora hospital for the criminal insane, to be recommitted to prison as cured of his insanity.

Wage Reduction Announced. Johnstown, Pa.—A general wage reduction affecting every department of the Cambria Steel company, together with a revision of the salary schedule was announced by officials of that company. The reduction will be effective June 1 and will bring the wages back to the 1917 level.

Bank Officials Face Charges. Tuscola, Ill.—Warrants were issued here for the arrest of John S. Quirk, cashier of the Arcola State bank at Arcola, Ill., near here, and for his father, M. T. Quirk, vice president, after the bank had been closed by the State Bank Examiner Whithcock following a reported shortage of \$400,000.

Slayer Attempts to Burn Jail. Decatur, Ala.—W. F. Seay, deputy store clerk, is under arrest charged with the murder of his 19-year-old bride, whose body was found in a mutilated condition at Florence, Ala. Seay made an unsuccessful attempt to burn the jail by making a bonfire of his bedding and clothing in his cell.

Ex-Kaiser William's Son Fined. Berlin—Eitel Friedrich, second son of former emperor William, was found guilty of illegally exporting capital to Holland through the firm of Phillips, Grusser and company. In consideration of the fact that he did not act through dishonorable motives, however, Eitel Friedrich was only fined 5,000 marks.

University Honors Mme Curie. Philadelphia.—For the first time in its history, the university of Pennsylvania made a special occasion of the conferring of an honorary degree. Madame Curie, co-discoverer of radium, was the person thus honored. Special services were conducted when Madame Curie received the degree of doctor of laws.

"Peggy" Wants \$10,000 Alimony. Chicago.—Margaret Hopkins Joyce, known on the stage as "Peggy Hopkins," has filed a cross-bill for separate maintenance in the superior court against her third husband, James Stanley Joyce, wealthy Chicago lumberman. She denied all charges of misconduct made by Joyce and asked for \$10,000 a month temporary alimony.

Deflates Human Auto Tire. Detroit.—Doubled up into a ball, Charles Scott, rolled over and over down the center of Woodward avenue Sunday night. "I'm an automobile tire," he shouted to Patrolman Leonard Saver. "You're drunk, that's what," replied the officer. "Keep drinking bad whisky and you'll puncture your inner tube," said Judge Thomas M. Cotter in recorder's court. He fined Scott \$5.

To Pass Disarmament Amendment. Washington.—The administration unexpectedly abandoned its fight against the Borch disarmament amendment pending in the senate in connection with the \$50,000,000 naval bill. Indications are that the amendment requesting President Harding to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan for an agreement to curtail naval building will be adopted with very little opposition.

Sub Makes Port With Sails. Hilo, T. H.—Submarine R-14 arrived here under a jury rig after her oil supplies were exhausted, while she was out on search for the missing Navy tug Conestoga. The R-14 had sails made from hammocks and mattresses, supported on masts and yards made from steel bungee rods. Officers reported their oil gave out on May 10, when they were 150 miles west of here. Lieuts. A. S. Douglas and R. T. Galien more and 27 enlisted men were aboard.

Mike Fined, But Doesn't Squeak. Chicago.—Mike de Pike Heitler, a leading figure in Chicago's underworld, was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison and fined \$10,000 in Federal Court, on a charge of violation of the Prohibition Law in a 200,000 whisky shipment deal. Two alleged conspirators were sentenced to 15 months and fined \$10,000. Heitler, when up for sentence previously, promised to reveal an "inside story" implicating revenue officers. In court he failed to "squeak."

Makes Profit Gathering Worms. Meadville, Pa.—Paul A. Webb, a junior in Allegheny College, has met all expenses and cleared about \$1,000 a year by collecting "half-benders" and fishing worms and selling them for dissection purposes in the study of comparative anatomy. Webb, a Rumanian by birth, is specializing in biology. He has compounded a secret solution which, sprinkled on the ground, brings armies of worms to the surface, even in winter time. It is then a simple matter to gather them.

"GONE TO THE DOGS."

The ancient Romans called the ace in dice "canis," the Latin word for dog. To them three aces was to lose the pot in their gaming, whence came the saying "gone to the dogs" as a synonym for ruin or bad luck. The expression "dirty dog" means one morally filthy; one defiled with mere skin dirt is called a "dirty pig." Our literature is sprinkled with references to the dog, many of them highly complimentary.

ANIMALS FOND OF FISH.

The assertion by White of Selborne that all quadrupeds which feed on fish are amphibious is erroneous. No one would regard the dog as an amphibious animal, while as for the cat, it is well known to be the one quadruped above all others that hates even wetting its feet. Yet few, if any, quadrupeds are fonder of fish, though one that actually engages in fishing is no doubt a rarity among the feline tribe.—Exchange.

## PROMOTE TRADE IN NEAR EAST

Aims of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant Are Set Forth.

## TO OPEN UP IMMENSE FIELD

Constantinople Destined to Become the "Chicago of Europe," Says New President of Organization—Opportunity for American Capital.

New York—Constantinople is destined to become the "Chicago of Europe," according to an interview authorized by Mr. Lucien Irving Thomas, a director of the Standard Oil company of New York, which company has extensive interests throughout Asia and the Balkan states.

Mr. Thomas lately returned from a visit to Europe, "I learned while in London, that I had been elected president of the American chamber of commerce for the Levant," said Mr. Thomas. "I refer to the newly-organized American section of the chamber, now maintaining headquarters in New York. It will co-operate with the long-established chamber of the same name which has its seat in Constantinople.

"The organization of this chamber is a timely movement to promote reciprocal trade relations between America and that great area—extending from Egypt to Russia, and from Persia to Italy—of which Constantinople is the center.

Gateway to Vast Empires. "Very few people appreciate that Europe and Asia meet at the feet of Constantinople," continued Mr. Thomas. "The chain of waters, the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmara and the Bosphorus, made available for free commerce, open the gateway to vast empires of populous and fertile territories beyond. When we realize that Russia, a country considerably more than twice as large as the United States, has few seaports that are not ice-bound for the greater part of the year, except those situated on the Black sea, we may imagine what enormous traffic will flow through Constantinople when Russia, with a hundred million of her people nearby, gets into her commercial stride."

"Then consider Rumania, now with twice her former area—a country of great natural resources, with a present population of 15,000,000, Bulgaria, noted for a sturdy and industrial population, has her commercial outlet on the Black sea. And even on the farther side of the Black sea is a group of states which eventually must occupy an important place in over-seas trade.

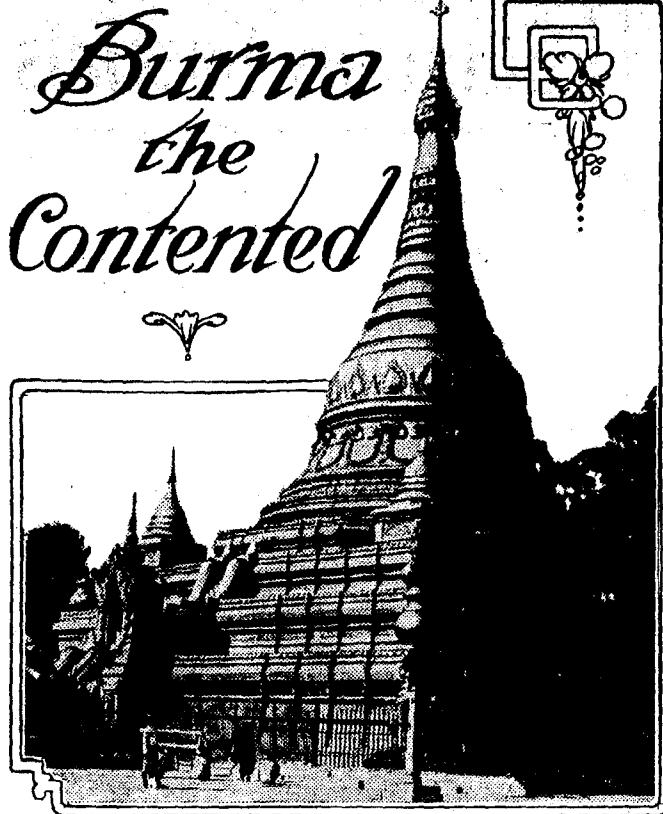
"Jugo-Slavia, now vast in area by comparison with Old Serbia, with substantial natural resources and a population of over 14,000,000 has, of course, one trade outlet via the Adriatic, and another via the Danube to the Black sea. Without any doubt the Danube is soon to play a much more important part in the trade of the Balkan states than it has ever done in the past.

Temporary offices have been established at 200 West Fifty-sixth street, New York city, but it is expected that after May 15 the chamber will be located in the down-town district of New York.

Officers represented on the directorate of the chamber, or as life members, include:

American International corporation, E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co., U. S. Rubber Co., Guaranty Trust company of New York, General Motors company, Amory, Browne & Company, Great Lakes Trust company, Commercial Union of America, Lockwood, Greene & Company, Hammond Typewriter company, A. B. Farquhar company, Robert H. Ingersoll & Bro., Robert College, James A. Farrell, U. S. Steel corporation, Phelps-Todge company, Brown Shoe company, International Western Electric company, H. J. Heinz company. The membership covers a growing list of merchants, shipowners, bankers, manufacturers and other business men of the United States.

Those in Movement. Officers of the American chamber of commerce for the Levant include, in addition to Mr. Thomas, president, the following: Chairman of the board, Mr. J. M. Dixon of the Tobacco Products corporation; vice president, Captain J. F. Lucey of the Lucey Manufacturing company; treasurer, Donald Frothingham of the American Express company; secretary and managing director, Dr. E. E. Pratt.</p



The Eng-Daw-Yd Pagoda, Burma.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

While there is a considerable amount of unrest in many parts of India proper, the people of Burma, which is governed as a part of India and yet is geographically separate from it, seem to be living contentedly. Geographical and social conditions and the economic situation flowing from them undoubtedly have much to do with this. Burma knows little of the fear of famine or the pinch of poverty. Its lands are productive, it is rich in minerals, it is not over-populated, and it is free from the elaborate caste system which is a tremendous handicap to India, both socially and economically.

Kipling and practically all other writers about the East have pointed out repeatedly that it is difficult at best for westerners to understand the oriental peoples. If the observer from the West wishes to tackle this admittedly difficult problem by easy stages, perhaps he could find no better place to start than Burma. In a number of senses there is less of a gulf between the life and customs of the Burmese, and those of the West than will be found if the comparison is made with any eastern country.

The Indian is in most cases a sober individual. The lower castes must take life with desperate seriousness because of its hardness and the difficulty of clinging to it. The higher castes are sedate and given to speculative philosophy. The Chinaman is an enigma. His emotions are difficult to fathom. The people of the Mohammedan countries are marked by a quiet dignity.

**The Burmese Love Life.**

In contrast with these other peoples of Asia, and almost alone among them, the Burmese are frank, open, happy-lovers of life. Their women are not secluded, but are among the freest women in the world. Both men and women are lovers of music and wearers of bright clothing. Because of their spontaneity and friendliness they have been dubbed "the Irish of the Orient."

Burma is a country of many tribes, but practically all of them are of the same racial strain. Shans, Karens, Kachins, Chins and Palungs are among those living in the outlying parts of the country, though the Karens and to a certain extent the others are to be found in parts of lower Burma, a more heavily settled section which is more easy of access to the outside world. It is the Burmese, however, who constitute the dominant element with the highest culture, and give color to Burma as it is known to most westerners who visit the land.

**Climates and Resources.**

The greater part of Burma is in the tropics and during half the year much of it is very hot. This heat is especially trying to Europeans in parts of the delta region where the humidity is high. In some sections more than 20 feet of rain falls each year. There is considerable loss of life among natives in some parts of the country from snakes, spiders, poisonous insects and wild animals. Just as India has its Shiva to which officials and others journey in the hot season, so Burma has its hill station, Maymyo, only 42 miles from Mandalay, but nearly 2,400 feet higher. This summer capital makes it possible for Europeans to add to the country's forest of pagoda spires full to do so.

**No Aristocracy, Few Poor.**

There are no noble classes among the Burmese, no aristocracy, few who are very wealthy, and few very poor. While the caste system as a system does not exist in the country, there are several classes of people who are looked upon as degraded by their vocations and with whom practically no intercourse is had by the majority of the people. Unfortunately, too, these classes are hereditary. They are the grave diggers, the descendants of the former pagoda slaves and the beggars. The general attitude toward these unfortunate is one of the contradictions in Burmese character; and there are others. Their religion requires kindness toward animals, and Burmese will

**CONDENSED CLASSICS****VANITY FAIR**

By WM. M. THACKERAY

Condensation by  
Miss Carolyn Wells

Twice in his later years did William Makepeace Thackeray seek temporary shelter in the then quiet little town of Shorncliffe before writing "The Virginians"; he tried unsuccessfully to capture a seat in parliament. Politics had always attracted him, although his temperament was wholly unsuited to popular demands.

He was a radical, sympathizing with Richard Cobden in his anti-corn laws. "I would like to see all men equal," he wrote in 1840, "and this blotted aristocracy blasted to the wings of all winds." He was nevertheless absolutely opposed to any attempt on the part of the people to win their rights by force. His attitude is interesting in the light of today's radicalism.

After finishing "The Virginians," Thackeray became the first editor of the Cornhill Magazine. His own wife, popularly practically insured the initial success of the venture. Of the first number 120,000 copies were sold.

The most distinguished writers of the day, including as contributors through the editor, wrote for the Cornhill magazine readers with better fiction and articles than can be found today in any successful English periodical.

Although Thackeray was a good editor in many ways, he was handicapped by too tender a heart. He could not bear to see any man, however unscrupulous and even malignant, if the writers needed money. So a few months later he gladly resigned his position and returned to novel writing.

After six years at Miss Pinkerton's school, Amelia Sedley went home, guaranteed a polished and refined young lady. Amelia was a dear little creature, all rosy and bright good humor, though the silly thing would cry over a dead canary bird or a mouse the cat had seized upon. She was accompanied by her dear friend, Becky Sharp, who was to make a short visit at the Sedley home before beginning her career of self support as a governess.

Becky was small, pale and sandy-haired, with eyes habitually cast down; when they looked up they were large, odd and attractive. As Miss Sharp's father had been an artist and a drunkard, and her French mother an opera girl, it is not surprising that Rebecca asserted she had never been a girl—she had been a woman since she was eight years old.

Amelia, now the Widow Osborne, and with a small son, George, was in sad penury; her father-in-law refusing to see her at all, and her own father and mother dependent upon her.

Becky, too, was the mother of a son, but she cared nothing for her child.

Nor for her husband; indeed, she

soon forgot her wife duty as to be guilty of an intrigue with the rich old Lord Steyne. Colonel Crawley discovered this, thrashed the nobleman and left his wife. Then, Becky, following her own devious ways, became an undisguised adventuress and neglected to care for her reputation.

She bobbed about from one city to another; now bounded by creditors; now courted by some rich admirer.

At last, when poor Becky had fallen very low in funds and in repute, she was found by Joseph Sedley and his sister Amelia. The old acquaintance was renewed, and gentle, generous Amelia took her one-time bosom friend into her heart and home. Major Dobbin strongly disapproved, and denounced Becky for what she was in her very presence. Amelia resented this, and Dobbin then begged Amelia, once again to marry him—a plea he had often made. On her refusal, Dobbin went off vowing never to return, leaving Amelia alone with her fealty to her dead George. Whereupon, Becky, learning the state of things, told Amelia of George's note to her, asking her to elope with him, and contrasting the faithless George most unfavorably with the patient and long-suffering Dobbin. So Amelia recalled Dobbin, married him, and they lived happily ever after.

Mrs. Rawdon Crawley then attached herself to Joseph Sedley, though not by any legal bonds. He was her master and slave, and insured his life heavily for her benefit—and benefit she did, for he died soon after.

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Rebecca lived at Bath or Cheltenham, where some excellent people considered her a most injured woman. She devoted her life works to plenty and charity, and though when she met Amelia and her husband once, they turned quickly away, Becky only cast down her eyes demurely and smiled.

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wife, Sir Pitt came to his sister's house and endeavored to retrieve his lost Becky as governess.

"I dare not—I don't think it would be right to be alone—with you, sir," she replied, seeming in great agitation.

"Come as Lady Crawley, then! There, will that satisfy you?" and the vulgar, ill-bred M. P. fell down on his knees and leered at her like a satyr.

Rebecca, in real consternation at her lost chance, wept genuine tears, as she exclaimed: "Oh, Sir Pitt—Oh, sir—I'm married already!"

When it further transpired that the bridegroom of Becky's secret marriage was the brass-spurred and long-mustached Capt. Rawdon Crawley, there were two catastrophes, one in which Miss Crawley went from one fit of hysterics into another, and one where the frenzied old Sir Pitt went wild with hatred and insanity with baffled desire. But the bridegroom captain remarked to his wife: "You're sure to get us out of the scrape, Beck. I never saw your equal, and I've met with some clippers in my time, too!"

George Osborne, though dependent on his mercenary, low-bred father, despised him, and when the elder Osborne forbade George to marry his little Amelia, the young man broke over the traces and married her out of hand. The marriage was egged on and managed by the faithful Dobbin; and, radiant in her straw bonnet with pink ribbons and a white lace veil, little Emmy went off with her husband to Brighton for the honeymoon.

Here they fell in with the Rawdon Crawleys. Becky, mistress of a fine establishment, and surrounded by respectful admirers, was so adept at wheeling tradesmen and standing off creditors, that she made it possible for them to maintain a fine social position on nothing a year.

Soon after this, among the brilliant train of camp followers that hung around the Duke of Wellington's army, our friends were all in Brussels. George, now desperately infatuated with Becky, and neglecting his six weeks' wife shamefully, slipped a note in a bouquet at a ball, begging Becky to elope with him. But before the note was answered came the call to arms, and Lieutenant Osborne, forgetting all love and intrigue, kissed Amelia and marched away—marched, alas, to his death on the field of Waterloo.

Colonel Rawdon Crawley, promoted for gallantry, returned in triumph, and he and his wife passed the winter of 1815 in Paris in much splendor and gayety. Becky's salon became famous, and great people hopped about there. Colonel Crawley's dexterity at cards and billiards became so marked that he constantly won from his guests, and under Becky's tutelage he became a clever and successful gambler, and thus aided in their fortune of nothing for a year.

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Liberty Bell Cracked in 1835.

The Liberty bell was cracked July 8, 1835, when it tolled in memory of Chief Justice Marshall who died July 6, 1835.

Long-Distance Talk.

Very little wind prevails in the arctic regions, and this facilitates the transmission of sound. Persons there can converse when a mile apart. Immediately upon the death of his

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It appears, says the Japanese Weekly Chronicle, that unlike shipping, the shipbuilding industry of Japan is comparatively well off, owing to the high prices brought by late by new vessels.

In 1919, 124 ships of 1,000 tons or more, were launched before November 30, and those launched since that time, or soon to be put into the water, will bring the year's total of ships built up to 150, and the tonnage approximately 700,000.

More pounds of potatoes are raised than of any other food crop in existence.

New Orleans has the largest and most modern cotton warehouse in the world, with a capacity of nearly 500,000 bales.

Sponge fishing in the Americas is rather a modern industry, but it produces more than two-thirds of the world's supply in weight, though the fisheries of the Mediterranean produce about one-half of the world's supply in value.

Its arms and legs, by which they could be made to move. The village policeman has taken possession of it.—London Daily Mail.

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## BAY CITY K. OF C. WIN BOTH GAMES

BLANKED THE LOCALS IN SATURDAY GAME.

Both Teams Play Better Ball in Sunday Game.

The first official ball game by the local team last Saturday was an exhibition that was not to be proud of. They were up against the K. of C. team, one of the snappiest bunches that ever came out of Bay City. This was the first time some of our players had ever been up against fast company and they failed to come up to the showing they had made in practice games.

Anderson and Carroll were the batters for the visitors, and W. Laurent and P. Johnson for the locals. The visitors played an errorless game throughout. Anderson was invincible in his pitching and allowed but one single, which was made by P. Johnson in the 7th. He was later caught off at 1st by Anderson to Ebase.

The score by innings in the Saturday game was as follows:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 r. h.  
K. of C. .... 2 3 6 0 1 0 0 2 0 14 13  
Grayling .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1  
Umpires—Cardinal and Auman.

Sunday Game.

The game Sunday was quite different from the one played the day before, but the visiting team at no time was in any danger.

Clarence Johnson and P. Johnson were the batters for Grayling and Matuzak and Carroll for the K. of C. Johnson pitched a tight game for the home team and allowed but few earned hits. However had weak support and the visitors made a total of 11 scores, while he held them down to 10 hits. The Grayling batters were more effective in this game and accumulated six hits. Matuzak was given wonderful support by his team mates and robbed Grayling of a number of possible safeties.

Auman, secretary and manager of the visiting team, was one of the umpires, and it appeared that he had favored his own team in many of his decisions. Mr. Perry, the other umpire, whose ability as an arbiter of base ball is well recognized, was not in accord with Auman in many decisions. And in the 7th he walked off the field saying that he refused to work with him. This came up when St. Pierre was at bat. Just before Johnson pitched the ball, another ball that had fouled over the grand stand, was thrown into the diamond. Auman stepped out of his box to get the ball and at that time Johnson made his pitch and St. Pierre hit it

for two sacks. Party concluded that the hit could not be allowed, citing the ruling that whatever there are two balls in the diamond that both balls are dead. There can be no disputing this point, however. Auman declined to order the batter back to the place. The matter brot up a lot of discussion, and even some of the players on the K. C. team did not agree with their umpire. It is also reported that Auman was tipping off the batters in his team the signals of the Grayling battery. Some claim to have positive knowledge of this.

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## WARNING.

Warning is hereby given that any one found breaking into the ice cream room at my drug store will be rigidly prosecuted.

A. C. Olson

## FRIDERICK BREEZED.

We are glad to say that Mr. William Terhune is some better at the present writing.

The George Hunter children are having the mumps.

We had a lovely rain last Sabbath, which done much good.

P. B. Johnson from near Moorestown was a caller at the Ward farm last Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Cameron came from Detroit last Friday and brought his bride with him. They are visiting his sisters Mrs. Oscar Charron and Mrs. Corydon Forbush.

Mrs. Erve Rowe who has been very sick, is better again.

The farmers are very busy at the present time putting in their crops.

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## LOCAL NEWS

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, MAY 26.

Mrs. C. M. Morfit has been in Bay City for a few days this week.

A new lot of rings at the Gift Shop. The latest thing out. Just arrived.

Charles G. Morrell of Saginaw was in the city Tuesday, the guest of R. H. Gillett.

A large crowd of the young folks attended a dance in Frederic last Saturday night.

Do you need a tent for this year's outing, ask us for price? We can supply you. Olaf Sorenson & Sons Sporting Goods Dept.

Clifton LeClair was in Grayling a few days last week visiting friends. He was on his way to Petoskey, where he had accepted a position.

Mrs. J. H. McKone and Mrs. Edna Miller enjoyed a few days visit last week from the former's nephew, Mr. E. W. Wheeler of Cedar Springs.

A. L. Foster was appointed as a delegate to attend the grand lodge of the Masons that was held in Battle Creek, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

## GIFTS THAT LAST

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Birthdays  
Party Favors  
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Andrew Peterson  
Jeweler.

The Avalanche building is looking in a new coat of paint.

Mrs. Lorane Sparkes spent a few days this week in Saginaw.

The Baldwin pianos have arrived and look over the line. Terms to suit.

Miss Ruth Brenner is spending the week in Detroit visiting the G. Garage family.

Miss Dorothy Peterson returned Friday afternoon from a several day visit in Bay City.

Walmer Jorgenson was in Lansing and Bay City the latter part of last week on business.

Born May 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hinkley, a daughter, who will be known as Beatrice Arlene.

Mrs. T. P. Peterson and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson attended the May Festival in Ann Arbor last week.

Don't fail to see "Why change your Wife" at the Opera house tomorrow, matinee and evening.

A. H. Kidston returned from Detroit Thursday night of last week driving back a new Ford auto.

Miss Mabel Brasie left Sunday night for Ann Arbor, where she expects to undergo an operation on her nose.

Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. William Graham of Bay City are visiting relatives in Grayling over Decoration Day.

Mrs. John Schram enjoyed a short visit from Mrs. Frank Cresser of the Soo formerly of this city, one day.

Henry Joseph arrived in Grayling from Chicago Wednesday, to spend a few days with his mother. He is enroute for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher and daughter, Mrs. Hahn and little daughter have returned from their two weeks' vacation in Lansing.

The L. O. T. M. Lodge will give a benefit card party Saturday evening June 4th at the I. O. O. F. Temple. The public is cordially invited.

L. M. Edwards, of Detroit, a former employee of the Avalanche office arrived in Grayling Wednesday morning to enjoy a week's vacation with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Duvall and little daughter, Margaret Lorraine left Saturday night to enjoy a couple of weeks' vacation in Detroit, Monroe and Toledo.

Mrs. R. H. Gillett is expected home Friday after being away for about three weeks, visiting friends in Saginaw. She also attended the May Festival in Ann Arbor.

An alarm from District four called the fire department to the home of Charles P. Johnson this morning at 10:30 o'clock. A chimney was burning out on the residence.

Arthur J. Cameron and bride of Detroit are visiting relatives in Frederic. When his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron resided in Grayling, he made frequent visits here.

The South Side ball team were defeated the Lewiston nine by a score of 7-11 on the Lewiston grounds last Sunday afternoon. The battery for Grayling were Sam Bennett and Weaver and LaMotte.

A proclamation has been issued by Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck to set aside the week beginning May 29 as "Disabled Soldiers' week."

Dr. Canfield went to Gladwin Saturday to visit his wife, who had been there a couple of weeks. They returned home together Tuesday.

Twenty-eight ladies, consisting of the officers and guard team of the W. B. A. of the Maccabees motored to Cadillac yesterday and took part in some lodge work of the Cadillac Fair.

The Citizens band will give their open-air concert this evening in the Court house park instead of tomorrow night, owing to the benefit show being given at the Opera house, for the American Legion on that evening.

The Ladies of the National League invite the Civil War veterans, their wives and widows, also the veterans of all other wars to supper at the Michelson Memorial church immediately after the services on Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edlore LaFrenier and daughter, Miss Amanda of Cheboygan motored from Cheboygan Sunday and were guests for the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivrais. Mrs. Sivrais, who is employed in that city accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Powell are at their summer home at Lake Margrethe, arriving on the early morning train Wednesday. They are always welcome summer guests in Grayling, where they have come for their annual stay for many years past.

Misses Pearl Haynes and Carrie Johnson were hostesses to a number of friends at the Gibbons home Saturday evening at a kitchen shower. Miss Inez Gibbons, who will be a June bride, was the guest of honor and was the recipient of many useful articles. The guests were served a three-course lunch.

The merchants and residents of Grayling are requested by the Board of Trade to decorate their places of business and homes with flags, bunting, etc., Saturday in honor of the visiting Grottos. A little trimming on the auto will be appreciated. It is also requested that car owners be liberal in offering rides.

All members of the American Legion are requested to meet in front of the Salling Hanson Company store at 8:00 o'clock in the morning of Memorial Day, where autos will be waiting to convey them to Frederic where they will decorate the graves of deceased comrades resting in the cemetery of that village. Members are requested to be in uniform.

Fathers George and Peter Eaper of Detroit, brothers, are erecting a fine new \$8,000 cottage on the main stream of the AuSable, near the Fr. Savage cottage. The foundation is already laid, and when completed will be one of the finest cottages on this stream. The Reverend gentlemen have been in Grayling several days this week looking after their interests.

"Why Change Your Wife", featuring Gloria Swanson, which will be presented at the Opera House tomorrow, Friday was shown for nine consecutive weeks at the Broadway Strand in Detroit. It is a super-special add no one should miss seeing it.

There will be a matinee in the afternoon and the price of admission to school children under sixteen will be 10c, adults 50c. For the evening performance the prices are children 25c, adults 50c. Clark's orchestra will play at the evening performance. We assure those who attend that they will hear a very good talk.

GARY HOTEL MAN BUYS ALCONA RANCH

Once Manager of a Hapsburg Estate Still Loves the Soil

"The man who has once been a farmer never gets the love of the soil entirely out of his system," is the comment of S. L. Eisler, of Gary, Ind., who recently purchased 1,200 acres of wild land in Alcona county and is spending thousands of dollars in developing it to the point of production.

He is the owner of a string of hotels located at Gary, Indiana Harbor and LaPorte, Ind., but before coming to this country was in charge of one of the large estates of the Hapsburg family, in Hungary, and he says that he has never gotten over his love for the soil.

In addition to planning on developing this ranch, Mr. Eisler is trying to instill a "back to the land" spirit in some of his countrymen. He comes from the "steel city" of the mid west, where thousands of foreign laborers are employed and where they have earned big wages for several years but he says many of them have saved practically nothing. "I am trying to show two of them that they can make more money out of the land than they can in the mill," he said. "I sold two men a one-seventh interest in this ranch at cost of the land, and they have gone on to work it. I have agreed to give them back their money at 7 per cent interest if, at the end of two years, they are not satisfied, and in the meantime I am providing them with a living and paying the cost of equipping the ranch, from fencing to buildings and providing all the needed machinery. These men had worked in Gary for 10 to 15 years and one of them had nothing while the other had a \$5,500 equity in some real estate. They'll both have more money at the end of five years than they have been able to save in their long years in the steel mills and they will get it with less hard work, provided they stick to their jobs."

"There are many more workmen who in the old country were farmers, who would be glad to go back to the land if it were not for a fear that they would be 'stung' by buying worthless land. Some of them have been caught in that way and this has given others the impression that there is no good land to be had in Michigan at a price they can afford to pay. I went over a good deal of Northeastern Michigan before buying in Alcona county and I know there are hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest soil in the territory and whenever I find a man who is 'land hungry' now I am telling him where to find it."

### GARDEN NOTES

(By R. E. Loree, M. A. C. Horticultural Dept.)

Tomato plants may be set as soon as all danger of frost is over. The usual planting distance is 4 feet each way for the early varieties such as Earliana, and 4x5 or 5x5 feet for the later, more vigorous growing sorts. If the plants are to be trained to stakes, set them about 2 feet apart in rows 3 feet apart. It is some trouble to tie and train the plants to stakes, but they bear a little earlier and the fruit is more easily picked and sprayed.

If there is danger of cut worms attacking plants after they are set in the garden, the plants may be protected by placing a collar of heavy paper around the stem, allowing it to extend about an inch below the soil and covering the stem two or three inches above the soil. In large gardens, where it is impractical to use paper collars, poison bran mash may be used with good effect.

It is not too late to sow seeds of late cabbage and cauliflower, but don't wait too long. Early, well-grown plants are essential for good crops.

Don't be satisfied with a few messes of sweet corn. Make successive plantings of Golden Bantam at intervals of ten days or two weeks until July 1 and be sure of a continuous supply throughout the season. Plant enough now to furnish a supply for canning and drying.

Plant cucumbers, melons, and squash in rich warm soil. It is a good plan to put a shovelful of well-rotted manure in the bottom of each hill.

There will be no charge for admission, and everybody is invited to attend. It will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and, according to Physical Director J. B. Buehler, will let out.

Following is the program:

A. Introduction—All Classes.  
B. Exercises with wands—H. S. Boys.

C. Marching Tactics—H. S. Boys.  
D. Folk Dances—4th, 5th and 6th Grade Girls—a. Ace of Diamonds; b. Chimes of Dunkirk and c. Shoemaker Dance.

E. Tag of War—4th vs. 5th Grade Boys.

F. Free Exercise Drill—H. S. Girls.  
G. Competitive Games—4th vs. 5th Grade Girls—a. Snatch Club Relay.  
b. Basket Ball Over Head Relay.

H. English Country Dance—Black Nag—7th and 8th Grade Girls.

I. A Lively Jumping Game—4th Grade Boys.

J. Aesthetic Dancing—a. Bulgarian Dance—Helen Schuman; b. Mountain Belle—Azilda LaGrow.

K. A Swedish Dance of Greeting—5th Grade Girls—a. How Do You Do.

L. Game: "When Friendship Ceases"—5th Grade Boys.

M. Singing Games—3rd Grade Girls—a. Farmer in the Dell; b. Around the Mulberry Bush; c. London Bridge.

N. Artistic Marching Maneuvers—4th and 5th Grade.

O. May Pole Dance—Selected.

The Charles Corwin home in Cheney burned down Thursday night of last week. At about 1:00 o'clock a family dog aroused the children who were asleep upstairs. The two older ones ran down stairs and awoke their parents. By this time smoke and fire were bursting from the roof and sliding upstairs, where the two younger children were still in bed. The parents rescued the children and then succeeded in getting a few pieces of the most valuable furniture removed from the building. In removing the kitchen cabinet, the glass fell out and cut a bad gash into Mr. Corwin's foot. The house and most of the contents were consumed. It was insured for \$200.00. For the present the family are occupying the Charles Richardson house in Cheney.

FAKE AGENTS GET HUSH MONEY

Would Examine Liquor Stocks In Drug Stores and Collect "Fines."

We are pleased to again mention

the open meeting to be held by the Odd Fellows Friday night at Temple theatre when the public is invited to attend. Grand Master Louis C. Crampton and Grand Secretary Fred Rogers will be present and deliver addresses. Mr. Crampton will talk on the subject of "Fraternity and Democracy." His home is in Lapeer, and he has represented his district in congress for a number of years, and has had a wide experience in administrative service. We assure those who attend that they will hear a very good talk.

Chicago—More than \$200,000 was

extracted from Chicago druggists by

two former agents of the prohibition

enforcement offices and a former Chi-

cago policeman, according to an

announcement by Col. E. C. Earnshaw,

of the Federal special intelligence ser-

vice. The men involved are Victor

J. Peterson, Joseph Morris and Leo

C. Powers, the latter the ex-police-

man. All are said to have confessed.

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# THE WRECKERS

By FRANCIS LYNDE

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## "WHO—SHEILA MACRAE? SHE'S A WIDOW."

Synopsis.—Graham Norcross, an all-around railroad man, having finished the construction work on the Oregon Midland, is on his way to Chicago. He intends to take a vacation and then consider a Canadian general manager job. Jimmie Dingle, his secretary, and his wife, Mrs. Sheila Macrae, and their young cousin, Maisie Ann, Unseen, witness an exceedingly odd sort of train holdup. A special car is carried off into the hills. It turns out to be the car of John Chadwick, financial magnate, whom Norcross was to meet at Portal City. The "Boss" and his companions rescue "Uncle John."

### CHAPTER II—Continued.

Mr. Norcross told what we had seen, and how we had come to be where we were able to see it, but that didn't help out much, either. From any point of view it seemed perfectly foolish, and the boss made mention of that. If we hadn't happened to be there to bring the engine back, the worst that could have befallen Mr. Chadwick and the crew of this special would have been a few hours' bother and delay. In the course of time the conductor would have walked out and got to a wire station somewhere, though it might have taken him all night, and then some, to get another engine.

Naturally, Mr. Chadwick was red-hot about it, on general principles. I guess he wasn't used to being kidnapped.

"I can't help thinking that it is connected with what is due to happen to-morrow morning, Graham," he said, at the end of things. "There are some certain scoundrels in Portal City at the present moment who wouldn't stop at anything to gain their ends, and I am wondering now if Daves wasn't mixed up in it."

"Who is Daves?"  
Daves is a mining man in Portal City, and before I'd been an hour in town yesterday he hunted me up and wanted me to go over to Stratheona to look at some gold prospects he's trying to finance. I said 'No' at first, because I was expecting you, and thought you'd reach Portal City this morning. When you didn't show up, I knew I had twelve hours more on my hands, and as Daves was still hanging on, I had our trainmaster give me a special over to Stratheona, on a promise that I'd be brought back early this evening, ahead of the "Flyer" from the west—the train you were on."

Mr. Norcross nodded. "And the promise wasn't kept."

"No promise is ever kept on the Pioneer Short Line," growled the big magnate. And then, with a beautiful disregard for the mixed figures of speech: "Once in a blue moon the chapter of incidents hits the full-swing whack in the middle, Graham. When Hardshaw wired me from Portland, I knew you couldn't reach Portal City before this morning, at the very earliest. That was going to cut my time pretty short, with the big gun due to be fired tomorrow morning, and you cut it still shorter by losing twelve hours somewhere along the road—they told me in the dispatcher's office that your train was behind a wreck somewhere up in Oregon. But it has turned out all right, in spite of everything. You're here, and we've got the night before us." Then I suppose he nodded toward me, for the boss said:

"Oh, Jimmie's all right; he knew what I had for dinner this evening, and he'll know what I'm going to have for breakfast tomorrow morning."

With the bridle off, the big man went ahead abruptly, cutting out all the frills.

"You finished your building contract on the Oregon Midland, Graham, and after the road was opened for business you refused an offer of the general management. Would you mind telling me why you did that?"

"Not in the least. There is nothing in it. An operating head is now nothing more than a score-keeper for a national gambling game. The boss gamblers around the railroad post in the Stock exchange tell him what he has to do and where he has to get off. Stock gambling, under whatever name it masquerades—boasting values, buying and selling margins, reorganizations, with their huge kick-offs for the underwriters—is the incubus which is crushing the life out of the nation's industries, especially in the railroad field. It makes me wish I'd never seen a railroad track."

"Yet it is your trade, isn't it?" asked the wheat king.

"It is; but luckily I can build railroads as well as operate them; and there are other countries besides the United States of America. I'm on my way home to Illinois for a little visit with my mother and sisters; and after that I think I shall close with an offer I've had from one of the Canadian companies."

"Good boy!" chuckled the Chicago magnate. "In due time we might hope to be reading your name in the newspapers—Sir Graham Norcross, D.S.O., or something of that sort." Then, with a sharp return to the sort of grinning seriousness: "You've been riding over the Pioneer Short Line since early this morning, Graham: what do you think of it?"

I couldn't see the boss' smile, but I could figure it pretty well when he said: "There may be worse managed, worse neglected pieces of railroad track in some of the great transcontinental lines, but if there are I haven't happened to notice them. I suppose it is capitalized to death, like many of the others."

"Fictitious values doubtless have something to do with it at the present stage of the game," Mr. Chadwick admitted. "It has always been a good earning property, being largely, even yet, without much local competition. But from the day it was completed its securities have figured in the market only for their specu-

a joke and laughed some more. Then she asked me if I'd ever been in New York, and I felt sort of small when I had to tell her that I had never been east of Omaha in all my life. With that, she told me not to worry; that if I stayed with Mr. Norcross I'd probably get to go anywhere I wanted to.

Something in the way she said it made it sound like a little slam on the boss, and of course I wasn't going to stand for that.

"There is one thing about it: the boss will make good wherever he goes," I hit back. "You can bet on that."

"I like your loyalty," she flashed out. "It is a fine thing in a day that is much too careless of such qualities. And I agree with you that your Mr. Norcross is likely to succeed; more than likely, if he will only learn to combine a little gentle cleverness with the heavy hand."

"I don't think you have any cause to blacklist Mr. Norcross," I said. "Hasn't he been right good and brotherly to both of you this evening?"

"Oh, I didn't mean that," she said real earnestly. "But in the stateroom in Mr. Chadwick's car: the ventilator was open, you know, until Maisie Ann got up and shut it, and we couldn't very well help hearing what was said about the kidnaping. Neither Mr. Chadwick nor Mr. Norcross seemed to be able to account for it."

"Can you account for it?" I asked, bluntly enough, I guess.

At this she smiled and said, "It would be rather presumptuous for me to try where Mr. Norcross and Mr. Chadwick failed, wouldn't it? But maybe I can give you just a wee little hint. You saw the two men who went over to the auto and smoked while they were waiting for the other two to come back? If I am not mistaken, I have seen them many times before, and they are very well known here in Portal City. One of them, the smaller one with the derby hat and the short overcoat, was either Mr. Rufus Hatch or his double; and the other, the heavy-set one, might have been Mr. Gustave Henckel, Mr. Hatch's partner in the Red Tower company."

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"Well, then, good-night," she smiled, giving me her hand. And with that she sort of edged the little girl into the elevator before we could get a chance to shake hands, and I heard her tell the boy to take them up to the mezzanine landing.

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raise values. The property itself has never been considered, save as a means to an end; the end being to enable one bunch of the Wall Street gamblers you speak of to make a killing and unload on another bunch."

"The old story," said Mr. Norcross. "We are bumping over the net result, right now." Mr. Chadwick went on. "Pioneer Short Line is practical. In the last ditch. The stock has slumped to forty and worse; Shaffer, the general manager and the only able man we have had for years, has resigned in disgust; and if something isn't done tomorrow morning in Portal City, I know of at least one minority stockholder who is going to throw the whole mess into the courts and try for a receivership."

Mr. Norcross looked up quickly.

"Are you the minority stockholder, Uncle John?" he asked, letting him self use the name by which Mr. Chadwick was best known in the wheat pit. "I am—more's the pity, I had a little lapse of sanity on fine morning a few years ago and bought in for an investment. I've done everything I could think of, Graham, to persuade Breck Dunton and his Wall Street accomplices to spend just one dollar in their reorganization and re-capitalization steals on the road itself, but it's no good. Dunton has been making an inspection trip over the system with a dozen or so of his New York cronies. It's a junketing excursion, pure and simple, but while they're here they'll get together and go through the form of picking out a new general manager. I'm on the board and they had to send me notice, though it's an even bet they hoped I'd stay away."

"Are you really going to spring the receivership on the Dunton people tomorrow?"

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"I don't see it," said the boss, briefly.

"Don't you? I do. I have an idea rambling around in my head that it is about time some bright young fellow was showing the people of the United States that a railroad needn't be regarded as an outlaw among the industries; needn't have the enmity of everybody it serves; needn't be the prey of a lot of disloyal and dissatisfied employees who are interested only

in you, as you might guess," Mr. Chadwick was saying.

"I grabbed at the name, "Basil," right away: it isn't such a very common name, and Mrs. Shelia had said something—under the water tank, you recollect—about a "Cousin Basil" who was to have met her at the train. I was putting two or three little private guesses of my own together, when one of the elevators came down and here came out two, the young lady and the chunky little girl, with the major chuckling and smiling and giving an arm to each. They had apparently stopped at the Bullard only to wait until he could come after them and take them home.

I saw the boss sit up in his chair and stare at them. Then he said: "That's Mrs. Macrae with him now. Is she a member of his family?"

"A second cousin, or something of that sort," said Mr. Chadwick. "I met her once at the major's house out in the northern suburbs last summer."

Mr. Norcross let the three of them get out and away, and we heard their taxi speed up and trundle off before he said, "She is married, I'm told. Where is her husband?"

Mr. Chadwick looked up as if he had just crossed the lobby.

"Who—Sheila Macrae? Yes, she has been married. But there isn't any husband—she's a widow."

For quite a while the boss sat staring at his cigar in a way he has when he is thinking right hard, and Mr. Chadwick let him alone. Then, all of a sudden, the boss got up and shoved his hands into his coat pockets.

"I've changed my mind, Uncle John," he said, looking sort of absent-like out of the window to where the major's taxi had been standing. "If you can pull me into that deal tomorrow morning—with an absolutely free hand to do as I think best, mind you—I'll take the job."

When we got out of the car, Mr. Norcross told me to go by the station and have our luggage sent to the hotel.

It was some time after eleven o'clock when I got around to the hotel with the traps. Mr. Chadwick had disappeared, but I saw the boss at the counter waiting for his chance at the clerk. The people melted away at last, all but one—a young swell who would have been handsome if he hadn't had the eyes of a maniac and a color that was sort of corpse-like with the pallor of a booze-fighter. He had his hat on the back of his head, and he was ripping it off at the clerk like a drunken hobo.

It seemed that he had caught a glimpse of somebody he knew—a woman, I took it, because he said "she"—looking down from the rail of the mezzanine, and he wanted to go up to her. And it appeared that the clerk had told the elevator man not to take him up in his present condition.

The boss was growing sort of impatient; I could tell it by the way the little side muscles on his jaw were working. When he got the ear of the clerk for a second or so between cusses, he asked what was the matter with the lunatic. I caught only broken bits of the clerk's half-whisper: "Young Collingwood . . . President Dunton's nephew . . . saw lady . . . mezzanine . . . wants to go up to her."

The boss scowled at the young fellow, who was now handing himself around the corner of the counter to get at the clerk again, and said: "Why don't you ring for an officer and have him run in?"

The night fellow had pulled himself around to our side of the counter by this time and was hooking his arm to make a pass at Mr. Norcross, trimming things up as he came with a lot more language. The boss said, right short and sharp, to the clerk, "Get him room key and give it to a boy who can show me the way," and the next thing we knew he had dashed that lunatic square in the face and was cuffing him along to the nearest elevator.

He came back in a few minutes, looking as cool as a cucumber.

"What did you do with him?" asked the clerk, kind of awed and half scared.

"I got a couple of the corridor sweepers to put him in a bath and turn the cold water on him. That'll take the whiskey out of him. Now, if you have a minute to spare, I'd like to get my assignment."

We hadn't more got our rooms marked off for us when I saw Mr. Chadwick coming across from the farther of the three elevators. He was smiling sort of grim, as if he'd made a killing of some sort with Mr. Dunton, and instead of heading back for his car he took the boss over to a corner of the lobby and sat down to smoke with him.

They didn't seem to be talking anything private, so I sat down just beyond them, so sleepy that I could hardly see straight. Mr. Chadwick was telling about his early experiences in Portal City, how he blew in first on top of the Stratheona gold boom, and how he had known mighty near everybody in the region in those days.

"Right or wrong, it's a thing that is coming, Graham," was the sober reply. "If we don't meet it half-way—well, the time will come when we of the hiring-and-firing side won't be given any option in the matter. You may call it Utopian if you please, and add that I'm growing old and losing my grip. But that doesn't oblige the fact that the days of the present master-and-man relations in the industries are numbered."

"We'll let it rest until morning and give you a chance to sleep on it. You have spoken only of the difficulties and the responsibilities, Graham; but there is another side to it. In a way, it's an opportunity, carrying with it the promise of the biggest kind of a reward."

"I told her I hadn't any thinks coming, and she seemed to take that for

while they were waiting for the actual kidnapers to return. You can bet high that I made myself mighty small and unobtrusive.

After a while the big man spoke again.

"What has Uncle Chon Chadwick up his sleeve got, do you think?"

"I don't think—I know it" was the snappy reply. "It's one of two things: a receivership—which will knock us into a cocked hat because we can't fool with an officer of the United States court—or a new deal all around in the management."

"Vich of the two will it be that will come out of that commisside room upstairs?"

"A new management, Dunton can't stand for a receivership, and Chadwick knows it. The securities would be knocked out and the majority holders—Dunton and his bunch—couldn't unload. Chadwick will name the man who is to take Shaffer's place as general manager of the railroad outfit. We might have stood it off for a while, just as I said yesterday, if we could have kept Chadwick from attending this meeting."

"But now we don't stand if it's not?"

"We'll have to wait and see, and size up the new man when he blows in. He'll be only human, Henckel. And if we get right down to it we can pull him over to our side—or make him wish he'd never been born."

The big man got up ponderously and brushed the cigar ashes off of his bay-window. "You wait and see what comes out of the commisside room out there."

Mr. Norcross let the three of them get out and away, and we heard their taxi speed up and trundle off before he said, "She is married, I'm told. Where is her husband?"

Mr. Chadwick looked up



**SUPERVISOR PROCEEDINGS.**

At a regular session of the Board of Supervisors, for the County of Crawford, commenced and held at the Court House in the Village of Grayling, on Tuesday the 12th day of April 1921.

Present: Hans Christenson, Beaver Creek; Chas. Craven, Frederic; M. A. Bates, Grayling; James E. Kellogg, Lovells; James F. Knibbs, Maple Forest; O. B. Scott, South Branch. Meeting called to order by the clerk.

Moved by Scott, supported by Kellogg, that Supervisor Craven be selected as temporary chairman. Motion carried.

Moved and supported, that the Board proceed to elect a permanent chairman for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Number of votes cast was six, of which number, Melvin A. Bates received four and Charles Craven two, thereupon Mr. Bates was duly declared elected chairman.

Mrs. Bates took the chair.

Moved by Kellogg, supported by Craven that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock to enable the chairman to select and appoint the Committees for the ensuing year.

Motion carried.

Frank Sales, M. A. Bates, Clerk, Chairman.

Wednesday.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Present: Christenson, Craven, Bates, Kellogg, Knibbs.

State. *Abstain.* None. The chairman announced the standing committee as follows:

**COMMITTEES.**  
Ways and Means. Craven, Scott, Knibbs.  
Claims and Accounts. Scott, Kellogg, Christenson.  
Finance and Settlement. Kellogg, Christenson, Craven.  
Equalization. Knibbs, Craven, Kellogg.  
Apportionment. Craven, Kellogg, Christenson.  
County Building. Scott, Knibbs, Craven.  
County Poor. Christenson, Knibbs, Scott.  
Roads and Bridges. Kellogg, Scott, Knibbs.  
County Printing. Christenson, Craven, Knibbs.  
Rules. Christenson, Craven, Knibbs.

Moved by Craven, supported by Kellogg, that the bills on file with the clerk, be placed with the Committee on Claims and Accounts for audit and report. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, supported by Craven, that a recess be taken until one o'clock this afternoon to enable the Committee on Claims and Accounts to audit and submit their report.

Motion carried.

Afternoon.

Board called to order by the chairman.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.**

State of Michigan, Crawford.

Dated at Grayling, April 13th, A. D. 1921.

To the Honorable, the Said Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw Orders on the County Treasurer for the same.

**Claimant. Character of Claim. Claimed. Allowed.**

Village of Grayling, Epidemic account.	\$648.58	defered
Village of Grayling, Epidemic account.	293.73	defered
J. H. Shults, supplies, 771.	15.35	\$ 15.35
R. Hanson & Sons, supplies, 772.	17.50	17.50
R. Hanson & Sons, supplies, 772.	7.50	7.50
City Telephone, services and rent, 773.	46.95	46.95
L. A. Gardner, Poor Comm'r bill.	33.00	33.00
L. A. Gardner, Justice bill, 774.	4.08	4.08
J. Fred Alexander, Justice bill, 775.	14.90	14.90
Crawford Avalanche, Printing, 776.	61.20	61.20
J. Fred Alexander, Justice, drawing jury, 777.	2.00	2.00
Emil Kraus, Justice, drawing jury, 778.	2.00	2.00
H. R. Sherwood, Sheriff fees, 779.	19.24	19.24
Crawford County Red Cross, nurse salary, Jan.	25.00	25.00
Crawford County Red Cross nurse, salary, Feb.	25.00	25.00
Crawford County Red Cross nurse, salary, Mar.	25.00	25.00
L. J. Kraus, Court attendance, 782.	10.00	10.00
M. E. Hoyt, School Comm'r, postage account, Jan.	11.00	11.00
M. E. Hoyt, School Comm'r, postage account, Feb.	7.35	7.35
M. E. Hoyt, School Comm'r, postage ac't, Mar. 783	8.58	8.58
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	24.50	24.50
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	14.15	14.15
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	.50	.50
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	2.90	2.90
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	1.10	1.10
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	18.59	18.59
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	12.10	12.10
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies, 784.	30.85	30.85
Grayling Electric Co., service, 785.	39.61	39.61
Frank Sales, Clerk service, 789.	6.20	6.20
Salling Hanson Co., supplies, 786.	.44	.44
Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan, accounting supplies, 787.	1008.43	1008.43
Leon J. Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
L. Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
Leon Stephan, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Henry Stephan, bounty.	1.30	1.30
Henry Stephan, bounty.	.14	.14
C. L. Austin, Stenographer, expense.	11.10	11.10
Grayling Electric Co., service.	9.12	9.12
Byron Randolph, bounty.	.22	.22
Harold Deman, bounty.	1.00	1.00
P. E. Johnson, trustee bill.	52.25	52.25
Albert Trudo, bounty.	.50	.50
Carl Thurston, bounty.	.50	.50
L. Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
L. Stephan, bounty.	.45	.45
American Express Co., charges.	.45	.45
J. E. Kellogg, expense to Bay City.	20.00	20.00
Aage Christofferson, bounty.	.50	.50
Aage Christofferson, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Leon Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
John Brockman, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Peter Nelson, bounty.	.50	.50
Peter Nelson, bounty.	.50	.50
Ella Fehr, bounty.	.10	.10
O. B. Scott, expense to Bay City.	20.00	20.00
James Pratz, bounty.	.25	.25
James Pratz, bounty.	.50	.50
E. Dutton, bounty.	2.00	2.00
George Niswonger, bounty.	3.60	3.60
Charles Craven, expense to Bay City.	1.00	1.00
Alonzo Kile, bounty.	20.00	20.00
Frank Taylor, bounty.	.20	.20
Frank Taylor, bounty.	.50	.50
Henry Stephan, bounty.	.10	.10
Henry Stephan, bounty.	.26	.26
John Wakeley, bounty.	2.00	2.00
J. Wakeley, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Len Isenauer, livery.	3.00	3.00
H. F. Peterson, postage.	13.00	13.00
Harold Edwards, bounty.	.80	.80
Grayling Fuel Co., fuel.	202.50	202.50
George Wolf, bounty.	3.00	3.00
George Wolf, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Junior Wakeley, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Leon J. Stephan, bounty.	1.00	1.00
Leon Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
Andrew Hart, service.	.42	.42
Aage Christofferson, bounty.	.50	.50
Aage Christofferson, bounty.	.80	.80
Clifford Merrill, bounty.	1.30	1.30
Crawford Avalanche, printing.	179.10	179.10
Joseph Royce, bounty.	.18	.18
Joseph Royce, bounty.	4.90	4.90
Albert Trudo, bounty.	1.50	1.50
Ernest Corwin, bounty.	10.80	10.80
P. F. Jorgenson, livery.	1.50	1.50
Albert Trudo, bounty.	.50	.50
H. Wheeler, draying.	7.00	7.00
Hugh W. Sibley, Sheriff bill.	2.20	2.20
Acme Chemical Co., supplies.	1.76	17.50
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies.	19.70	19.70
City Telephone, service account.	13.10	13.10
Salling Hanson Co., supplies.	40.00	40.00
E. P. Richardson, Sheriff bill, 788.	171.50	171.50
Doubleday Bros. Co., supplies, 789.	6.65	6.65
Emil Kraus, Justice bill, 790.	6.75	6.75
Frank Sales, Justice Clerk, 769.	6.00	
Frank Sales, Justice Court Clerk, 769.	3.00	9.00
A. Hart, Registered service, 791.	22.50	22.50
Salling Hanson Co., supplies.	1.00	1.00
Salling Hanson Co., supplies.	4.55	4.55
Frank Sales, Clerk service.	8.00	8.00
Michigan Education Co., supplies.	.60	.60
R. Hanson Sons, supplies.	17.50	17.50
Sorenson Bros., supplies.	1.70	1.70
L. J. Kraus, supplies.	12.40	12.40
L. J. Kraus, Probate account.	23.34	23.34
Mrs. F. Jennings, Probate account.	9.00	9.00
W. Jorgenson, rental cement mixer.	5.00	5.00
American Express Co., charges.	.50	.50
Rudolph Feldhauser, bounty.	.50	.50
H. Stephan, bounty.	1.60	1.60
H. Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
Henry Stephan, bounty.	2.10	2.10
H. F. Peterson, postage account.	.75	.75
R. Madison, bounty.	.80	.80
American Express Co., charges.	1.21	1.21
Leon Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
L. Stephan, bounty.	.50	.50
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Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Dated April 13, A. D. 1921.

Moved by Kellogg, supported by Christenson, that the report of the Committee on Claims and Accounts be accepted and adopted as submitted. Yea and nay vote called. All members voting yea.

Moved by Craven, supported by Scott, that the Board purchase banners as per circular before this Board, to be presented to the American Legion Post of Crawford County.

Yea and Nay vote called. All members voting yea.

Moved by Craven, supported by Knibbs, that Supervisors Scott and Kellogg be selected as delegates of this Board to attend with the delegates of the Farm Bureau at the State Fair to be visited and that said delegates are privileged to appoint substitutes in case either of them cannot attend. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, supported by Knibbs, that the bills of the several supervisors be allowed as charged and the clerk be and is herewith authorized to draw orders for the same.

Moved by Craven, supported by Kellogg, that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Motion carried.

Yea and Nay vote called. All members voting yea.

Resolution—

Moved by Craven, supported by Scott, that the Board adjourn until the 25th of June.

Yea and Nay vote called. All members voting yea.

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